<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 4 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 to 9 and 13 to 18 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A print system comprising an external operating apparatus, a host computer which communicates with said external operating apparatus, and a printer which communicates with said host computer,

wherein said external operating apparatus comprises<u>:</u>

an operation panel which receives a print setting instruction from <u>a</u> [[the]] user<u>:</u>[[,]]

an operation panel controller for generating an interruption event corresponding to the print setting instruction each time the <u>print setting</u> instruction is made to said operation panel<u>:</u>[[,]] and

reading means for reading out image data from a storage medium,

wherein said host computer comprises<u>:</u>

a receiving unit for receiving the image data read out from said storage medium<u>:</u>[[,]]

a display control unit for receiving the interruption event from said external operating apparatus and effecting a preview display in which said print setting instruction is reflected to the image data received by said receiving unit<u>:</u>[[, and]]

an updating unit for updating the preview display in accordance with a change of the print setting corresponding to the interruption event received from said external operating apparatus; and

~~wherein~~ a print control unit for generating print data corresponding to the print setting instruction, [[and]]

wherein said printer prints the print data output ~~outputted~~ from said host computer.

2. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein said operation panel controller includes a start instructing unit for instructing a print start and generates the interruption event according to the print start instruction.

3. (Currently amended) A system according to claim 2, wherein, in response to the reception of the interruption event corresponding to said print start instruction, said print control unit outputs to said printer the print data to which the print setting instructions ~~settings~~ received by a plurality of interruption events received so far are reflected to said printer.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) An external operating apparatus connectable to a print system constructed by a host computer including at least a receiving unit for receiving image data and an interruption event, a display control unit for effecting a preview display in which a print setting instruction is reflected to the image data received by said receiving unit, [[and]] a

print control unit for generating print data corresponding to the print setting instruction and outputting the generated print data [[it]] to a printer, and said printer, said apparatus comprising:

an operation panel which receives the print setting instruction from a user;

an operation panel controller for generating the interruption event corresponding to the print setting instruction each time the print setting instruction is made to said operation panel;

reading means for reading out image data from a connected storage medium; and

transmitting means for transmitting the interruption event and the read-out image data to said host computer.

6. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said operation panel controller includes a start instructing unit for instructing a print start and generates the interruption event corresponding to the print start instruction.

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein in response to the reception of the interruption event corresponding to the print start instruction, said print control unit outputs to said printer the print data to which the print setting instructions settings received by a plurality of interruption events received so far are [[is]] reflected.

8. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said host computer updates the preview display in accordance with the print setting instruction qcorresponding to the interruption event which is generated every operation to the operation panel.

9. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus which can communicate with an external operating apparatus including an operation panel which receives a print setting instruction from a [[the]] user, an operation panel controller for generating an interruption event corresponding to the print setting instruction each time the print setting instruction is made to said operation panel, [[and]] reading means for reading out image data from a connected storage medium, and a printer, said apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving the image data and the interruption event;

a display control unit for effecting a preview display in which said print setting instruction is reflected to the image data received by said receiving unit; and

a print control unit for generating print data corresponding to the print setting instruction and outputting the generated print data [[it]] to said printer, said print control unit updating the preview display in accordance with a change of the print setting corresponding to the interruption event received from said external operating apparatus.

10. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said operation panel controller includes a start instructing unit for instructing a print start and generates the interruption event corresponding to the print start instruction.

11. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein in response to the reception of the interruption event corresponding to the print start instruction, said print control unit outputs to said printer the print data to which the print settings received by a plurality of interruption events received so far is reflected.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method of controlling a print system comprising an external operating apparatus, a host computer which communicates with said external operating apparatus, and a printer which communicates with said host computer,

wherein said method includes a control method for said external operating apparatus, comprising the steps of:

receiving by an operation panel a print setting instruction from the user:[[,]]

generating an interruption event corresponding to the print setting instruction each time the print setting instruction is made to said operation panel:[[,]] and

reading out image data from a storage medium,

wherein said method further includes a control method for said host computer, comprising the steps of:

receiving the image data read out from said storage medium:[[,]]

receiving the interruption event from said external operating apparatus and effecting a preview display in which said print setting instruction is reflected to the image data received in said image data receiving step:[[,]]

updating the preview display in accordance with a change of the print setting corresponding to the interruption event received from said external operating apparatus; and

generating print data corresponding to the print setting instruction, [[and]]
wherein said method further includes a control method for said printer by
which, ~~comprising the steps of~~ said printer prints printing data output ~~outputted~~ from said host
computer.

14. (Currently amended) A method of controlling an external operating
apparatus connectable to a print system constructed by a host computer including at least a
receiving unit for receiving image data and an interruption event, a display control unit for
effecting a preview display in which a print setting instruction is reflected to the image data
received by said receiving unit, [[and]] a print control unit for generating print data
corresponding to the print setting instruction and outputting the generated print data [[it]] to a
printer,[[;]] and said printer, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving by an operation panel the print setting instruction from a [[the]] user;

generating the interruption event corresponding to the print setting instruction
each time the print setting instruction is made to said operation panel in said receiving step;

reading out image data from a connected storage medium; and

transmitting the interruption event and the read-out image data to said host
computer.

15. (Currently amended) A method of controlling an information processing
apparatus which can communicate with an external operating apparatus including an operation
panel which receives a print setting instruction from a [[the]] user, an operation panel controller
for generating an interruption event corresponding to the print setting instruction each time the

print setting instruction is made to said operation panel, [[and]] reading means for reading out image data from a connected storage medium,[[;]] and a printer, said method comprising the steps of:

effecting a preview display in which said print setting instruction is reflected to the image data received in said receiving step; and

generating print data corresponding to the print setting instruction and outputting the generated print data [[it]] to said printer, said print data generating step including updating the preview display in accordance with a change of the print setting corresponding to the interruption event received from said external operating apparatus.

16. (Currently amended) A program stored on a computer-readable recording medium, for causing a computer to execute executing a method of controlling a print system comprising an external operating apparatus, a host computer which communicates with said external operating apparatus, and a printer which communicates with said host computer,

wherein said method includes a control method for said external operating apparatus and comprises, comprising the steps of:

receiving by an operation panel a print setting instruction from a [[the]] user:[[,]]

generating an interruption event corresponding to the print setting instruction each time the print setting instruction is made to said operation panel:[[,]] and

reading out image data from a storage medium,

wherein said method further <u>includes</u> ~~include~~ a control method for said host computer <u>and comprises</u>, ~~comprising~~ the steps of<u>:</u>

receiving the image data read out from said storage medium<u>;</u>[[.]]

receiving the interruption event from said external operating apparatus and effecting a preview display in which said print setting instruction is reflected to the image data received in said image data receiving step<u>;</u>[[,]]

<u>updating the preview display in accordance with a change of the print setting corresponding to the interruption event received from said external operating apparatus;</u> and

generating print data corresponding to the print setting instruction, [[and]] wherein said method further includes a control method for said printer <u>by which said printer prints</u>, ~~comprising the steps of printing~~ the print data <u>output</u> ~~outputted~~ from said host computer.

17. (Currently amended) A program <u>stored on a computer-readable recording medium,</u> for <u>causing a computer to execute</u> ~~executing~~ a method of controlling an external operating apparatus connectable to a print system constructed by a host computer including at least a receiving unit for receiving image data and an interruption event, a display control unit for effecting a preview display in which a print setting instruction is reflected to the image data received by said receiving unit, and a print control unit for generating print data corresponding to the print setting instruction and outputting <u>the generated print data</u> [[it]] to a printer,[[;]] and said printer, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving by an operation panel the print setting instruction from <u>a</u> [[the]] user;

generating the interruption event corresponding to the print setting instruction each time the <u>print setting</u> instruction is made to said operation panel in said receiving step;

reading out image data from a connected storage medium; and

transmitting the interruption event and the read-out image data <u>to said host computer</u>.

18. (Currently amended) A program <u>stored on a computer-readable medium,</u> for <u>causing a computer to execute</u> ~~executing~~ a method of controlling an information processing apparatus which can communicate with an external operating apparatus including an operation panel which receives a print setting instruction from <u>a</u> [[the]] user, an operation panel controller for generating an interruption event corresponding to the print setting instruction each time the <u>print setting</u> instruction is made to said operation panel, and reading means for reading out image data from a connected storage medium<u>,</u>[[;]] and a printer, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving the image data and the interruption event;

effecting a preview display in which said print setting instruction is reflected to the image data received in said receiving step; and

generating print data corresponding to the print setting instruction and outputting the generated print data [[it]] to said printer<u>, said print data generating step including updating the preview display in accordance with a change of the print setting corresponding to the interruption event received from said external operating apparatus</u>.